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**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**JUNE 17, 2013**

Attached please find correspondence from the office of the Town Manager for your review. Thank you.

Charles J. Cristello  
Town Manager



**FEMA**

JUN 10 2013

Kurt N. Schwartz  
Governor's Authorized Representative  
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency  
400 Worcester Road  
Framingham, Massachusetts 01702-5399

Dear Mr. Schwartz

This is in response to your June 5, 2013, appeal of the denial of snow assistance for Plymouth County under FEMA-4110-DR.

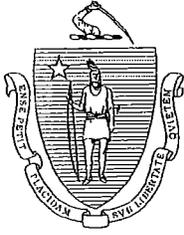
After a thorough review and careful consideration of the information contained in your initial request and appeal, we reaffirm our original finding that Plymouth County did not receive record or near record snowfall, nor did it qualify as a contiguous county as required by FEMA's Snow Assistance and Winter Storm Policy. Therefore, your appeal for snow assistance for Plymouth County under FEMA-4110-DR is denied.

I regret that we could not respond favorably to your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. Zimmerman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elizabeth A. Zimmerman  
Deputy Associate Administrator  
Office of Response and Recovery



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Secretary Richard Davey, Department of Transportation  
10 Park Plaza, Suite 4160  
Boston, MA 02116

Re: CapeFlyer Service - Middleborough

Dear Secretary Davey:

We, the Legislative delegation of the Town of Middleborough, write to you on behalf of our local elected officials and constituents to express a concern in regard to the CapeFlyer weekend rail service. This concern relates specifically to the 55 to 60 mile per hour speed of the train as it crosses Miller and Spruce Streets in Middleborough.

We realize that the Department of Transportation along with the MBTA and Cape Cod RTA have taken steps necessary to upgrade the tracks and grade crossings. Additionally, we understand that when regular rail service ran from Boston to the Cape ending in the late 1980's train speeds were 55 to 60 miles per hour. That being said, circumstances have evolved in the community to an extent that public safety is a greater concern at the Miller and Spruce Street crossings than they were some 20 plus years ago.

We are asking for your consideration of the request to slow the speed of the CapeFlyer as it crosses Miller and Spruce Streets. Knowing also that travel time of this service from Boston to the Cape and back is a major component of its success, we believe that every consideration should be given to public safety.

Sincerely,

Susan Williams Gifford  
State Representative  
2<sup>nd</sup> Plymouth District

Keiko Orrall  
State Representative  
12<sup>th</sup> Bristol District

Thomas J. Calter  
State Representative  
12<sup>th</sup> Plymouth District

cc: Charlie Christello, Town manager  
Stephen McKinnon, Chairman, Board of Selectmen



May 15, 2013

**Subject: Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Proposed Destination Resort Casino  
Taunton, Massachusetts  
Draft Environmental Impact Report  
EEA # 14924**

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Dear Reviewer:

On behalf of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Epsilon Associates is pleased to send you the enclosed Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Tribe's proposed destination resort casino in Taunton, which will be built on lands taken into trust by the federal Department of the Interior.

The Tribe's Preferred Alternative comprises the casino, three 300-room hotels, an events center, several dining options, retail space, a water park, and parking for approximately 6,370 vehicles in both a garage and surface lots. In accordance with the ENF Certificate, the DEIR also examines two less intensive development scenarios and compares all of the alternatives to a future no-build condition.

The proposed project will create thousands of well-paying jobs and be a great economic benefit to the City of Taunton, the Commonwealth, and the Tribe. Construction alone is expected to generate approximately \$837 million in total economic activity in Massachusetts, while on-going operation of the resort is expected to generate approximately \$512 million annually. Direct employment for annual operation of the project is estimated at 3,500 full- and part-time jobs.

The Tribe has a strong tradition of careful use and conservation of natural resources. Since the filing of the ENF, the Tribe has continued to refine the design of the project to avoid and minimize impacts, and to mitigate for those that are unavoidable. For example, on-site impacts to wetlands and other water resources have been minimized by constructing the large majority of the development on areas that have already been disturbed and by making adaptive reuse of two existing buildings on site. Permanent on site wetland (BVW) impacts will be less than 5,000 square feet.

The Tribe has also continued to work with City of Taunton and MassDOT officials on the design for traffic mitigation measures, including improvements to the Route 24/140 Interchange. This collaborative planning is ongoing and the Tribe expects that the DEIR will be helpful in gathering further input regarding the proposed mitigation, which the Tribe expects will be finalized in the Final EIR.

### How to Submit Comments

The DEIR was submitted to MEPA on May 15<sup>th</sup>, and will be noticed on-line at the Environmental Monitor Web site (<http://www.env.state.ma.us/mepa/emonitor.aspx>) on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Tribe has voluntarily extended the normal comment period by two weeks. **Comments are due on July 12, 2013**, and should be sent to the following address:

Secretary Richard K. Sullivan, Jr.  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs  
Attn: MEPA Office  
Ms. Holly Johnson, EEA #14924  
Cambridge Street, Suite 900  
Boston, MA 02114

You may also submit comments via e-mail at [Holly.S.Johnson@state.ma.us](mailto:Holly.S.Johnson@state.ma.us) or via facsimile at (617) 626-1181.

We expect that Secretary Sullivan will issue a Certificate outlining the scope for a Final Environmental Impact Report on July 19, 2013.

### How to Request a Hard Copy of the Document

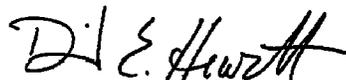
The DEIR is hundreds of pages. To conserve paper, the Tribe has provided some persons an electronic version on compact disc in PDF format. To view the document you will need a computer with a CD drive and the software needed to view PDF documents (available for free at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>).

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the DEIR, you can request one free of charge from Epsilon Associates, by calling (978) 897-7100 or via email at [csnowdon@epsilonassociates.com](mailto:csnowdon@epsilonassociates.com).

On behalf of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, thank you for your interest in their proposed destination resort casino.

Sincerely,

EPSILON ASSOCIATES, INC.



David Hewett, LEED AP  
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